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## **Baltimore Gas and Electric Company Working to Restore Electric Service As High Wind Continues to Impact Central Maryland**

*Service to more than 5,000 customers already restored*

**BALTIMORE**, Oct. 7, 2009 – Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE), a subsidiary of Constellation Energy (NYSE: CEG), today announced it is working to restore electric service to customers affected by today’s high wind. Service to more than 5,000 customers has already been restored, however new outages are likely as the wind continues in Central Maryland. BGE’s Fall Storm Drill has ended early to address actual outages on the electric system.

“BGE is restoring service to customers as safely and as quickly as possible but customers whose service has been restored may experience additional outages due to ongoing wind” said A. Christopher Burton, senior vice president for gas and electric operations and planning for BGE. “Due to high wind conditions, restoration work which requires the use of bucket trucks may be delayed until conditions are safe. BGE thanks its customers for their patience during the restoration process.”

BGE’s service territory continues to experience high wind with gusts approaching 50 miles an hour in some areas. Because the wind is continuing, it would be premature to provide an estimated time of restoration for all customers. As always, BGE will continue monitoring weather conditions and aggressively restoring service to customers.

Just as BGE prepares for potential power outages, customers should also be prepared for service interruptions. Customers are encouraged to keep the following items readily available:

Flashlights – not candles

Fresh batteries

Battery operated clock radio

Corded telephone

Fully charged cell phone

Non-perishable foods

Blankets

Customers also should consider filling the fuel tanks of their vehicles in the event a power outage affects service to neighborhood gas stations. For our customers who rely on well water, filling a bathtub with water in advance of severe weather is strongly encouraged. Customers using a generator or space heater should follow manufacturer instructions and be sure to locate generators in well-ventilated areas.

Additionally, customers with special needs such as those who may be elderly, handicapped or dependent on electricity for medical equipment, should have alternate arrangements in place should they experience an extended power outage. BGE's restoration priorities are public safety issues and critical facilities, such as 911 centers, hospitals and pumping stations. Then restoration is generally scheduled so that the greatest number of customers can be restored as quickly and as safely as possible. However, in cases of extended power outages, consideration is also given to customers who have been without service for the longest. For more information about BGE storm preparation and how customers can protect their families and property, go to [www.bge.com](http://www.bge.com).

Throughout the storm restoration process BGE urges customers to avoid downed power lines and call 877-778-2222 to report power outages. Calling to report outages enables BGE to more quickly and safely identify and respond to outages as they occur.

In addition to monitoring current and approaching weather conditions which could result in service interruptions, BGE regularly conducts emergency training drills during which all aspects of storm related service restoration are tested. BGE also reviews its Electric Delivery Emergency Response Plan to ensure that storm response procedures are up-to-date and in line with industry standards.

BGE, [www.bge.com](http://www.bge.com), headquartered in Baltimore, is Maryland's largest gas and electric utility, delivering power to more than 1.2 million electric customers and more than 640,000 natural gas customers in Central Maryland. The company's approximately 3,000 employees are committed to the safe and reliable delivery of gas and electricity, as well as enhanced energy management, conservation, environmental stewardship and community assistance. BGE is a wholly owned subsidiary of Constellation Energy, [www.constellation.com](http://www.constellation.com), a FORTUNE 500 company also headquartered in

Baltimore, with subsidiaries that generate, sell and provide other energy-related services to customers throughout North America.

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